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New York State Independent Redistricting Commission – Richmond County Public Hearing
Tuesday, February 8, 2023 @ 4:00pm
Staten Island Borough Hall

Name	Organization	Testimony
Courtney Gervais?		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 63</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lives in area that was added to AD 63 in 2022 Draft would pack minorities on Staten Island into as few districts as possible
Jasmine Robinson	<p>National Council of Negro Women (Staten Island)</p> <p>NAACP</p> <p>District Leader, AD 63</p>	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 61 and 63</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing should not start at 4:00pm because people are still at work 2022 AD 61 combines Lower Manhattan, Sliver of Brooklyn, and North Shore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These areas have similar interests – environmental justice, overdevelopment, rising sea levels, climate change, greenspaces 2022 AD 63 is a melting pot of communities that work together as one
John Batucci		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 61 - Supports crossing over to Manhattan and Brooklyn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helps Staten Island not be the “forgotten borough”
Aidan Rivera?	<p>Democrats of Richmond County</p> <p>Staten Island Democratic Socialists of America</p>	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 61 – But does NOT support merging Staten Island with Brooklyn or Manhattan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staten Island does not have a lot in common with Brooklyn or Manhattan Would prefer to keep the district within Staten Island
Paul Scobalinski?		<p>Somewhat prefers maintaining 2022 AD 61 and 63 but submitted his own map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staten Island = 44% people of color Three seats that are overwhelmingly white almost guarantees that a conservative republican will be elected in a borough which has a lot more diversity than that Historically AD 61 and 63 have been drawn in an East-West configuration AD 63 was the West Shore District AD 61 was the East Shore District

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have very different interests • Two main hospitals on Staten Island are on the East Shore • Getting a third hospital is a more serious issue to those in AD 63 • People are more concerned on the West Shore about the West Shore Rail • Have nothing in common with Manhattan and Brooklyn • Including Manhattan may make more sense than Brooklyn because people in Staten Island take the ferry over to Manhattan more than they go to Brooklyn over the bridge
Helen Settles	NAACP	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 61 and 63</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonalities with Manhattan • Important that people know who their representatives are – changing the districts could cause confusion
Elizabeth Cunningham		<p>Maintain 2022 AD 61 – would prefer to <u>not</u> go into Manhattan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't have much in common with Lower Manhattan • Some commonalities between Bay Ridge and Staten Island • Need better representation for issues: police reform, opioid crisis
Caitlin Curtin		<p>Adjust map to include Ancram and Gallatin in AD 107 – all of Columbia County in AD 107</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia County = Community of Interest • Very different from Dutchess County • Supportive of draft including most of Columbia County was placed in one AD including Claremont <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share community and governmental boundaries, workforce, environmental, and community ties • But not supportive of draft excluding two towns in Columbia County – Ancram and Gallatin (placed in AD 106, Mid-Hudson Valley and Dutchess County district) • She submitted a map
Reverend Terry Troia	Staten Island Taskforce on Racial Inclusion	<p>Maintain 2022 AD 61</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes are in line with the changes in council districts

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	and Equity (Chair)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to preserve the voting power of community of color on that side of Staten Island (North Shore) • They are adjusting to working with Manhattan
Mark Glogowski		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore republican structure and assign Assembly seats to the counties • Concern re “divide New York” movements • Draft would make these movements blossom • Need to restore regional representation
Abou Sy Diakhate	Staten Island Immigrant Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain 2022 AD 61 – supports crossing over to Manhattan • Need fair representation • Lower Manhattan is also very diverse